

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1, as follows, with a marked-up copy of the amended claim being included in the Appendix attached to this reply:

Sub C1/B1

1. (Amended) A method of manufacturing a ceramic composite, the method comprising:  
preparing at least two ceramic bodies to be bonded together, each of the at least two ceramic bodies having a bonding surface;  
preparing a slurry in which primary particles of a bonding ceramic are dispersed, said slurry being synthesized by merely adding a phosphoric compound to a calcium compound slurry;  
applying the slurry to the bonding surface of at least one of the ceramic bodies to be bonded;  
and  
sintering the ceramic bodies between which the slurry has been interposed to bond them.

Please add claim 19, as follows:

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19. A method of manufacturing a ceramic composite, the method comprising:  
preparing at least two ceramic bodies to be bonded together, each of the at least two ceramic bodies having a bonding surface;  
preparing a slurry in which primary particles of a bonding ceramic are dispersed in the absence of organic components;  
applying the slurry to the bonding surface of at least one of the ceramic bodies to be bonded;  
and  
sintering the ceramic bodies between which the slurry has been interposed to bond them.